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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Dept. of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Democracy functions best when our elected representatives are responsive to the perceived majority demand from our nation, rather than the well-financed voice of those who are special interest groups. We have seen a bit of a breakdown of this principle regarding the Microsoft lawsuit instituted by the Department of Justice. Here, we experienced a handful of Microsoft's most ardent competitors and critics attempting to use the power of the federal government to scale back the effectiveness of one of our country's most successful and innovative companies.

I agree that oftentimes it appears as if Microsoft takes an extreme anti-competitive position regarding their closest-held trade secrets, but this is only prudent and certainly has never risen to the level of federal lawsuit status.

At long last, this regrettable suit has been settled. I am hopeful that this will bring to an end one of the saddest chapters in American business, with no further federal action contemplated. Now is the time to look to our nation's leaders to strengthen our country's businesses, rather than listening to the special interest groups' desire to tear them apart. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Schram
President

